

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. South Korea

a. Kim Chong-pil, who has been off travelling, may soon be back at his old stand behind the scenes, helping Chairman Pak deal with a restless opposition and fixing the military regime squarely in place, elections or no.

b. Kim's supporters have reportedly been pressing for his early return,

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2. Sino-Soviet Relations

a. Sino-Soviet discussions continue behind closed doors.

b. The Soviets seem to be playing down the meeting as much as possible.

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c. The Communist press in Hong Kong, which often serves as a fore-runner for the official line adopted later by Peiping, has some predictably unkind things to say of the forthcoming test-ban talks:

d. "As for trying to bind China's hands through great nation chauvinism and prevent it from nuclear testing, this is only dreaming. However, there are people who agree to immediatly consider suspension of tests. We just wonder what is in minds of those who are in such a hurry to help Kennedy plot to cheat people."

e. Even more pointedly, another paper editorialized: "US officials said banning atmospheric testing without banning underground tests can keep China out of the nuclear club. It comes as a surprise that Moscow has even welcomed such vicious proposals. To let a small number of countries have a monopoly of nuclear weapons to threaten others is by no means the way to peaceful coexistence... are those who welcome Kennedy's 'strategy of peace' stupid or are they just sharing the same viewpoints with him?"

3. Argentina

a. Yesterday's elections were accomplished without major incident.

b. Only about a half of the votes have been counted so far (slowness is attributed to heavy winter weather), but it is already clear that many Peronists did not obey Peron's orders for "revolutionary abstention." The blank vote totals only about 15 percent. The Peronist vote thus ranks in fourth place at the present count.

c. The Peoples Radical Civic Union (UCRP), supporting Dr. Arturo Illia is in the lead thus far, followed by the Intransigent Radicals (UCRI) under Dr. Oscar Alende.

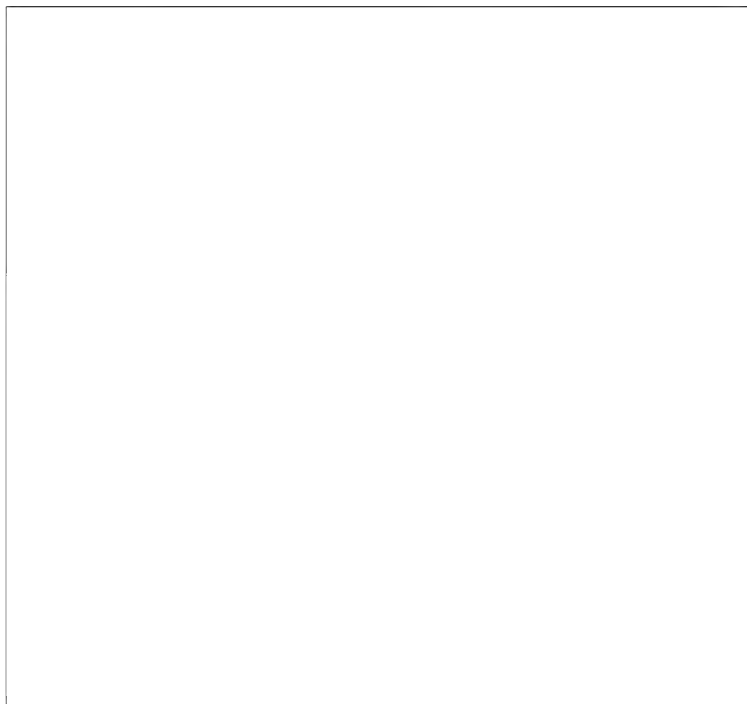
d. One possible outcome is that the two Radical parties, both of center-left orientation, may reunite to form a reform-oriented government.

e. Retired General Aramburu, candidate of the Union of Argentina People, is running third, and apparently losing ground, but still has a chance to win in the electoral college when it meets on 31 July.

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South Vietnam



NOTES

- A. Cuba The Cuban navy has relaxed its alert status. It had gone on alert following an emigre announcement two weeks ago that an "invasion" had been launched.
- B. Syria The two-week-long standoff in the struggle for power between the Baathists and military boss Hariri has apparently been resolved in favor of the Baathists. Hariri has been relieved of his jobs as Defense Minister and Chief of Staff and, according to an Egyptian broadcast, posted, in the good Arab tradition, to the embassy in Paris where he can do less harm.
- C. Nationalist China - India Chiang Kai-shek has reportedly given up trying to establish an unofficial representation in India. He has been angered by Nehru's unwillingness to accept the mission on an overt basis and by Nehru's continued Indian desire to maintain relations with Peiping.
- D. Jordan With the carefully controlled election over, prospects are that King Husayn's new government will be conservative and docile under Prime Minister Nasir.
- E. British Guiana There has been no further violence in British Guiana as workers return to their jobs following the agreement reached this weekend between Jagan and the Trade Union.

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